Officers—loans.

431. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of officers who were granted loans by the State (1) for the purchase of conveyances and (2) for the construction of houses, etc., during the year 1106;

(b) the names of officers to whom loans were refused and the reasons for the refusal in each case?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) and (b). Statements are appended (*Appendix III.*)

Floods—damage.

432. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—With reference to the last floods will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the extent and approximate value of the damage caused by it;

(2) the nature of the relief given by the Government;

(3) the amount of money spent by it on relief works;

(4) whether they are taking any steps of a permanent nature to avoid the recurrence of it or minimise the evils of it in future?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) About 2,600 houses were damaged in the flood-affected areas of Cochin-Kanayannur, Mukundapuram and Trichur Taluks. The damage may be roughly estimated to be over Rs. 20,000. Regarding the damage to crops the Member is referred to the orders of Diwan approving of the Diwan Peishkar's scheme for remission published on pages 485-488 of the Gazette, dated 17th October 1931.

(2) (i) Rescue work and organisation of relief camps at the affected localities.

(ii) Free distribution of rice.

(iii) Free grants of money ranging from Rs. 2 to 5 to the indigent persons who lost their houses.

(iv) Grant of small loans to ryots for agricultural purposes.

(v) The starting of relief works on a liberal scale.

(3) and (4). A sum of Rs. 7,381—10—10 was spent for rescue work and rice distribution. Another sum of Rs. 3,500 was distributed among the poor people of the affected localities for house reconstruction purposes. The amount till now disbursed as agricultural loans is Rs. 12,240. The Member is also referred to the answer furnished to question Nos. 242 and 243 of the last sitting of the Council.

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